

Syrians hold a mass demonstration in Damascus yesterday protesting against the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. (UPI/telephoto)

Egypt halts Arab League activity

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Middle East Affairs Editor
Egypt yesterday announced that it was freezing all its activities in the 22-member Arab League following hostile action by Arab governments against Cairo for having signed the peace treaty with Israel.

were illegal since they were convened by the Iraqi government rather than by the Arab League's secretary-general, Mahmoud Khatib... Cairo radio said the spokesman accused the Baghdad conference of having failed to appreciate the achievements Egypt made by signing the peace treaty.

political and economic boycott of Egypt, as well as expelling it from the Arab League and transferring the 34-year-old organization from Cairo to another Arab capital... A key role concerning the extent of these sanctions was expected to be played by Saudi Arabia, some of whose royal functionaries seemed to be following the lead of Jordan's King Hussein in brushing aside American appeals for moderation.

Sadat asks U.S. aid
Begin warns against Soviet-backed attacks

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday called on the U.S. Congress to help Egypt become the bastion of "stability" in the Middle East and northern Africa.

outlined his determination to "concentrate now on reconstruction... on an extraordinary effort to revitalize our economy, to improve production, to rebuild our ageing and overstrained infrastructure... We do not intend to become a burden to the U.S. We appreciate any help that you give us. But basically we will emphasize self-reliance..."

"No citizen of our world is more respected or admired by the people of the U.S. than you," House Majority leader Jim Wright (Democrat of Texas) told Sadat... And minority leader John Rhodes (Republican of Arizona) called Begin a "hero of peace" in his welcoming words.

Cairo sees prisoner release
'Israel agrees to make gestures'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Israel has agreed to Egypt's request for a series of political gestures on the West Bank and Gaza Strip designed to encourage Palestinian Arabs to join the proposed negotiations for the autonomy plan, Egyptian sources disclosed last night.

the Egyptian government. The source described these steps as a "symbolic" gesture which could go a long way towards improving the atmosphere on the eve of the scheduled autonomy negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

Meeting here with a few journalists, the sources said that Prime Minister Menahem Begin had informed Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that the Israeli government will shortly propose that the Knesset abolish the administrative detention law, incorporated from the British Mandatory government, enabling the security authorities to arrest suspects without specific charges being levelled.

Until yesterday, there had been worried speculation here that an agreement between Israel and Egypt involving such political gestures had been included during the final round of dramatic and hectic negotiations leading up to the peace treaty signing on Monday. But details were sketchy.

Jewish councils set up in West Bank

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The military government has established four Jewish regional councils and one local council to enable Jewish settlements in the West Bank to operate independently of the protected Arab autonomous administration.

administration for some years to come — presumably as long as the question of sovereignty in the territories remains open... Government officials began planning the councils several years ago. Last Tuesday, the military commander of Judea and Samaria, Tal Aluf Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, signed an order establishing a local council for Mat'elah Adumim and four regional councils: one for 20 Jewish settlements in the Jordan Valley, another for 10 settlements in the Beit El area, a third for seven Gush Etzion settlements in Samaria, and a fourth for the Etzion Bloc settlements.

Kiryat Arba is legally run by an "administration," which is in effect a local council, according to Dr. Meir Shoham, deputy director-general of the Interior Ministry and the coordinator of the ministry's activities in the administered territories... The Gush Etzion settlements in Samaria had been described officially as military camps with the settlers originally designated as members of the occupation force.

OPEC raises oil price 9%, okays surcharge

GENEVA (AP). — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) yesterday voted to raise the base price of crude oil by 9 per cent as of next Sunday, to \$14.64 a barrel. Libya and Venezuela immediately announced surcharges on the new price.

The OPEC announcement yesterday said that the oil ministers had authorized unlimited surcharge over the base price, depending on market demand... Yesterday's base price increase is roughly equal to surcharges announced earlier by many OPEC members and supercedes those surcharges. However, Libya announced it would raise prices \$1.66 a barrel over the new base price. Venezuela announced a \$1.20 surcharge.

South African gen'l election seen likely

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — A presidential impeachment call yesterday bulldozed South Africa towards an almost inevitable general election in response to the nation's rapidly spreading information scandal.

At the same time, the opposition kept up its drumbeat of demands for Prime Minister F.W. Botha to offer his government's resignation and call new general elections... The crisis reached the boiling point after former information minister Connie Mulder claimed that Vorster and Finance Minister Owen Horwood had advance knowledge that secret government funds were used to finance an English language newspaper in Johannesburg.

Libyan ultimatum warns Tanzania to quit Uganda

DAR ES-SALAAM (AP). — Libya has threatened to go to war with Tanzania if Tanzanian troops are not withdrawn from Uganda in 24 hours, President Julius Nyerere said yesterday.

"tighten their belts even more" because the war is about to become "much more serious." He said Tanzanians should not be worried because the people's defence force are prepared and their morale is high.

Paris blast wounds 28 Jewish hos

PARIS. — A violent explosion at a Jewish student hostel in the Latin Quarter injured at least 28 people yesterday, police reported. Two injured were reported in a serious condition.

There was immediate action taken by the police to clear the area and to remove the injured to hospital. The PLO representative in Paris, Ibrahim Suwa, said the PLO organization was not responsible for the attack.

Lod market bomb claims one life, injures twenty

LOD (HIS). — A woman was killed and 20 people injured, three of them severely, when a terrorist bomb exploded in the Lod market yesterday.

within minutes of being alerted and the injured were evacuated to Assaf Harofeh. Police closed off the area and sappers combed the market for additional bombs. Forty residents of the administered territories were held for questioning. About 10 o'clock the marketplace reopened for business.



Portrait of a man in a suit, likely a political figure, speaking at a podium.

Police and ambulances arrived

While none of the victims immediately identified, some survivors said they believe were French.

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**'Judea-Samaria' note added to treaty**

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Prime Minister Menahem Begin insisted once again on including in the just-signed Israel-Egypt peace treaty package an "explanatory note" signed by U.S. President Jimmy Carter explaining that the Israel government regards "the West Bank" as referring to "Judea and Samaria."

This procedure, which was first used in the September 1978 Camp David framework agreements, has more than just semantic significance. "It goes right to the gut of the autonomy negotiations," one official said. "It's not merely Begin's preference for use of the biblical names for the area."

Arabs could vote for the self-governing authority's administrative council. Since then, other Israeli officials have denied that East Jerusalem Arabs will have any role in the negotiations.

The Americans and the Egyptians, on the other hand, are clearly eager to involve the East Jerusalem Arabs in the process.

By insisting that Carter include the "explanatory note" on Israel's understanding of the phrase "the West Bank," Israeli officials believe their position in these upcoming negotiations has not been prejudiced.

Carter said in the note, which is included in the treaty package: "I have been informed that the expression 'West Bank' is understood by the Government of Israel to mean 'Judea and Samaria'."

But the Egyptian leader insisted that the city should not be physically divided again. "In Camp David," he said, "you may remember that I have agreed that the city should not be divided again, and that some sort of common municipal council for the whole city (should be established). But Arah Jerusalem is sacred to us, sacred to 700 million Moslems. And Arah Jerusalem should return to the Arah sovereignty."

Sadat continued: "But as I said, this time the city will not be divided... There will be no barbed wire like before."

He expressed confidence that all the difficult issues could eventually be resolved if everyone is "real... practical. If we should sit together, we should solve our differences. Peace, the goal of peace, is much more precious than anything."

The problem is that the Egyptians and the Americans regard East Jerusalem as part of "the West Bank," while Israel does not include East Jerusalem as part of "Judea and Samaria." The issue is critical in determining the possible involvement of East Jerusalem and the Arabs who live there in the proposed autonomy negotiations, scheduled to start one month after the treaty has been ratified by the Egyptian People's Assembly during the next fortnight.

One of the first items on the agenda of those negotiations will be to define "the West Bank."

After Camp David, there were conflicting reports on the Israeli stance regarding the role of East Jerusalem Arabs in the negotiations. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was quoted in a press report — which he later denied — as saying that Jerusalem's

The entire question is also related to a more complicated and controversial matter: Does the proposed autonomy plan involve only the people who live on the West Bank, or the land as well? An Israeli committee of ministerial directors, headed by Eliahu Ben-Eliassar of the Prime Minister's Office, has recommended in advance of the negotiations that only the people should be granted autonomy — not the land.

In an ABC TV interview with Barbara Walters, President Sadat said that the Egyptian and American positions on the future of Jerusalem were "identical." He said: "All the changes that have taken place in Jerusalem are illegal from our point of view and from the American point of view also."

Since arriving here, Begin has also tried to calm fears of a likely strain in Israel-Egyptian relations as soon as the autonomy talks begin in earnest.

He stated that Israel, during the coming six weeks, will prepare "all our proposals. It will be a detailed plan, and we will present it to the Egyptians. Then it will be published... Why should we stonewall it? I hope we've found so many solutions to difficult problems, why should there be an assumption that we are not going to find a solution to this problem? There are — there may be — some difficult issues. So what? I intend that with goodwill, and with some wisdom, there is no problem which is insoluble."



Flowers, flags, bright lights and between 80,000-100,000 Israelis filled Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchei Yisrael on Monday night to celebrate peace.

**Sadat appreciates Jlem Post's role in peace process**

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat told The Jerusalem Post after Monday afternoon's peace treaty signing ceremony that he appreciated the role The Post had played in furthering the peace process.

Flanked by President Jimmy Carter and Prime Minister Menahem Begin in front of the White House, Sadat was speaking to The Post's newspaper editor.

Sadat looked again at The Post's "Sadat in Jerusalem" album, which he had read with great interest after his November 1977 visit to Jerusalem.

Begin then introduced Ruth Carter, who also seemed fully aware of The Post's role throughout the peace negotiations.

On Monday evening, at the dinner, Carter, Sadat and Begin signed in triplicate the "Sadat, Jerusalem" album. They each were then presented with an album bearing their three signatures over Begin's formal letter of invitation to Sadat, which is reproduced on page three of the album.

Ruth first approached Sadat about the symbolic signing of the album and the Egyptian leader agreed to a preliminary meeting that was the only full record of his visit to Jerusalem. When Sadat also signed the album, it was an excellent sign, Begin joined willingly in the signing. Carter then agreed to add his signature — as a "witness."

**Weizman phones Gamasy in Cairo**

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman used a private phone in the Egyptian Prime Minister's office to call former Egyptian minister Gen. Mohammed Ali Ghanayem in Cairo last night.

Weizman, who was visiting Khartoum together with Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, notified the Egyptian leader of the signing of the peace treaty.

Weizman said that President Anwar Sadat was worried about the Palestinian problem but that he would seek a peaceful solution to it. Sadat was seeking a solution to the problem of the Palestinians and was not pressing for the establishment of a Palestinian state, he said.

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**Back-to-work orders save Eurovision, peace telecasts**

By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
A renewed blackout of television screens by striking engineers was averted last night when Communications Ministry Director-General Moshe Gidron, acting on a cabinet directive, issued emergency work orders to 80 strikers.

Daniel Ezer, a ministry spokesman, told The Jerusalem Post: "Gidron acted to ensure three things. First, that Israel's telecommunications link with the outside world should not break down. Second, that all broadcasts relating to the peace agreement get through. And, third, that the telecast of the Eurovision from Jerusalem on Saturday night should not be placed in doubt."

According to Ezer, Gidron's orders were issued "only after last night's strike failed."

**Next peace moves discussed at Washington meeting**

By ARI RATH  
WASHINGTON. — The next steps Israel and Egypt should take to usher in the new era of peace between the two nations were discussed at length late Monday night at an informal meeting here between top Egyptian and Israeli government leaders.

The idea to hold such a meeting was first broached during the White House dinner, following which Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil and Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali hosted Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i at their Madison Hotel suite.

The main points understood to have been discussed dealt with the future Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on the implementation of autonomy in the Gaza Strip and mutual control of movement across the new borders in Sinai following Israeli's withdrawal from El-Arish in two and a half months.

The Israeli participants came to the meeting deeply impressed by the Egyptian leaders' efforts to make every effort to the peace agreement. It from the meeting that have to make efforts to implement autonomy in the Gaza Strip.

**Dayan excited with peace treaty: Autonomy snags won't make Egypt revert to war option**

TEL AVIV (Item). — Egypt will stand fast in its rejection of the war option even if the Palestinian question creates problems during the implementation of autonomy, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said in an Israel Radio interview yesterday.

Reacting to the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, Dayan said, "I am very happy, one could even say excited, although the excitement is not emotional but political, as is the happiness." While he agreed that deeds will tell the true story of the peace accord, the fact that Egypt agreed to renounce the war option by signing a document with specific paragraphs and subsections was of vital importance.

Dayan said that success on the question of the administered territories will depend to a large extent on the gap between the stands of the parties and Israel's behaviour regarding the question of autonomy.

"If our approach is constructive and sincere — for in the final analysis we instituted the autonomy and want to carry it out sincerely — then even if difficulties emerge they will not destroy the foundation. The Egyptians may at that point recall their ambassador or something like that, but such a step would not put Egypt once again on the warpath."

Opposition leader Shimon Peres told a radio interviewer after the peace signing ceremony that the first problem that will have to be dealt with now is the settlements. He

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said he anticipated great pressure against the government's inclination to allow settlement in the heart of Judea and Samaria.

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**Egypt celebrates with fireworks**

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Fireworks lit up the skies over Egypt's main cities last night as Egyptians celebrated the signing of the peace treaty with Israel, Cairo Radio reported.

The radio said that celebrations marking the event were held in Cairo, Alexandria, Port Said and Ismailiya.

Government leaders and officials of the ruling National Democratic Party headed the celebrations which aired greetings to President Anwar Sadat for having signed the peace pact.

Judging from the radio reports, last night's celebrations appeared to have all been inspired by the government.

**Mid-east peace major story in U.S. press**

WASHINGTON. — Headlines in Arabic, Hebrew and English led off an eight-page peace supplement in the "New York Times" yesterday.

"To bring an end to the state of war" read the banner head as it introduced a text of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty and its annexes, received from the Middle East, an evaluation of the new military power balance of the region and analysis of Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

The "Washington Post" also gave prominence to the story and editorially termed the agreement "the Egyptian and Israeli leaders' major act of faith."

**PT HALTS**

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newspaper said that the strike in line with a resolution of state passed at the summit last November.

The Advisory Council yesterday described the treaty signed in on Monday as "a serious rights and a violation of the nation's dignity."

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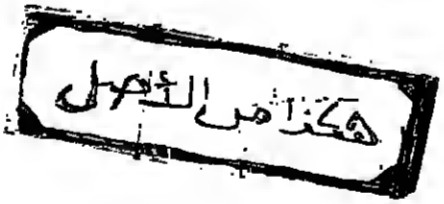
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Gaza military HQ move still not set

By HAREY WALL Jerusalem Post Reporter
While no definite site has been selected for relocating the military government headquarters...

so, said the source, it is likely that they will be incorporated in the new centre.
Gaza Mayor Raahad Shawwa has rejected the concession as insufficient...

Another problem, he noted, is what was meant by "reduction of IDF" in the area.
Meanwhile, Sheikh Husbein Khusendar, a pro-Egyptian Moslem leader...

West Bank back to normal after strike

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter
Life in the administered territories returned almost completely to normal yesterday after Monday's general strike...

not lead to the fulfillment of Palestinian rights, it would prove to be only a "partial settlement."
The biggest headline in "Al-Fajr" said "...And Sadat signed the separate document..."

were allowed one hour a day, usually in the morning, to shop for provisions.
Our Knesset reporter adds: Shlomo Hillel (Alignment), chairman of the Interior Committee...

Israel law must still catch up with peace

By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter
Contact with an Egyptian citizen still will be construed as an intrusion of the prohibition against "contact with an enemy agent..."

with the enemy" and required the prior approval of the finance minister.
Regarding the possibility of citizens submitting claims for expropriated or abandoned property...

of Israel.
The signing and ratification of the treaty do not automatically make it part of the Israeli legal system...

Khalil to visit El-Arish once town returns to Egypt

By HAREY WALL Jerusalem Post Reporter
EL-ARISH. — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil is expected to visit El-Arish shortly after the city is returned to Egypt...

tended to him.
A carnival-like atmosphere has swept the Sinai coastal city in celebration of the peace treaty...

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The Egyptian pound is worth about IL29 today, but trading in this currency is not anticipated soon...



First-grade pupils at an elementary school in Ramat Aviv yesterday learn about the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. (IPPA)

A generation of hawks? Schoolchildren ponder peace

By BENNY MORRIS Jerusalem Post Reporter
Five year olds around the country yesterday held earnest discussions on the merits and defects of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt...

"My pupils are definitely happy. But it is a sober happiness," said Gila.
"Even the first-graders display a degree of worry and thought..."

Kollek hunts extremists who defaced Bayit Vagan school

By JUDY SEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday called on residents of the largely religious Bayit Vagan quarter to help police find extremists...

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Rabbis and other religious residents contacted by the mayor said that this week's incident...

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NRP, Gush Emunim may compete for the same votes

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The National Religious Party has gone on the warpath to woo its members away from Gush Emunim...

its next Executive meeting will be held in the Samaritan settlement of Etzana.
Meanwhile, Gush Emunim leaders are said to be attempting to influence Rabbi Haim Druckman...

Herut youth expected to take hawkish stand at convention

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Herut youth may prove tonight that they are more hawkish than their elders.
The party's youth convention, which opens in Jerusalem this evening...

on the government to annex the Golan Heights immediately and to grant Israeli citizenship to the Druse inhabitants...

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Advertisement for 'SINAI TOURS' offering a 5-day camping tour to Sinai, including a pull board, keshet, and registration details.

Advertisement for 'FRONT PAGE ISRAEL' book, celebrating the publication of the book's 300th issue, available at hotel bookshops and better bookshops.

The world reacts to the Israel-Egypt peace treaty
Carter's role as mediator lauded

Jerusalem Post Correspondents and Agencies
European leaders and newspapers, for the most part, yesterday lauded the signing of the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty...

"Daily Telegraph," for example, concluded its "Brave peace" editorial by saying: "Let Britain and other European powers show more readiness than hitherto not to leave it all to America. We are allies, after all..."

"separate" Egyptian-Israeli treaty to bring durable peace to the Middle East. The statement stressed the need for a "comprehensive agreement which would be satisfactory for all parties concerned..."



A demonstrator gets a crack from the baton of a riot policeman outside the Arab League offices in Madrid, where some 300 Palestinians and their supporters protested the Israel-Egypt treaty yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Iranian army battles Turkoman tribesmen

TEHRAN (Reuter). — Fierce street fighting raged yesterday in the Iranian town of Gonbad Kavus, near the Soviet border, between army troops and Islamic militiamen on the one side and guerrillas of the Turkoman ethnic minority seeking more self-rule...

73 missing as burst dike floods West German town

NUREMBERG (AP). — More than 70 persons were missing yesterday after a dike burst on the Rhine-Main-Danube shipping canal and flooded a suburban town, Nuremberg police said...

50 die daily in Rhodesian conflict

LONDON (Reuter). — Rhodesia's guerrilla war is claiming 50 deaths daily, according to Foreign Secretary David Owen...

Ethnic Germans protest in Red Square

MOSCOW (AP). — Three ethnic Germans from Soviet Central Asia were seized by police yesterday in Red Square as they protested against the refusal by Soviet authorities to let them emigrate to West Germany...

USSR is building a 'sane' oil tanker

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet shipyards are building a "sane" type of oil tanker which will be free from the risk of oil spillage, Tass news agency reported today...

Narrow defeat seen for Callaghan in tonight's vote

LONDON (Reuter). — British Prime Minister James Callaghan yesterday gained three vital votes in a last-ditch manoeuvre to keep his minority Labour government in power...

Indian soldiers killed in Naga tribal ambush

NEW DELHI (AP). — Seven Indian army soldiers were killed and four seriously injured when they were ambushed yesterday by tribal guerrillas in Nagaland state in northeast India...

Salvador guerrillas gun down army major

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI). — Leftist guerrillas firing sub-machine guns from a speeding car shot and killed an army major half a block from his home on Monday...

Euro-Mediterranean conference ends

MALTA (AP). — Egypt and Israel were the only non-European countries represented at a 35-nation meeting of experts on Mediterranean cooperation and development that ended here on Monday...

Paralysed Egyptian war veteran: 'You've done something wonderful, Mr. Begin'

By DON SCHANCHE
Washington Post News Service
CAIRO. — "When Begin comes on Monday, I hope he visits us here so I can tell him: 'You've done something wonderful, Mr. Begin. I can't do anything any more. I can't walk, but I am happy...'"

powerful reminder to the outsiders who joined them at this television set that peace is never more blessed than to those who suffered the worst from war...

Khader gleefully turned to his companions and observed in a medical smile born of painful experience in too many hospitals: "Sadat is like a surgeon cutting a cancer from our society, solving the problem by brave surgery..."

Peace at last for Alexandria's elderly Jews

By LISETTE BALOUNY
ALEXANDRIA (AP). — "Shalom aleichem malachel hashalom." The wells of a small room rang with the shaky voices of elderly Egyptian Jews as they chanted the ancient song — "peace be upon you angels of peace..."

to see this day. It was the end of a 20-year conflict between the nation where they were born and that which is spiritually closer to their hearts...

north of Cairo, has a sad tale to narrate of relatives that have left, families that were interned by the Egyptian authorities during the 1967 war...

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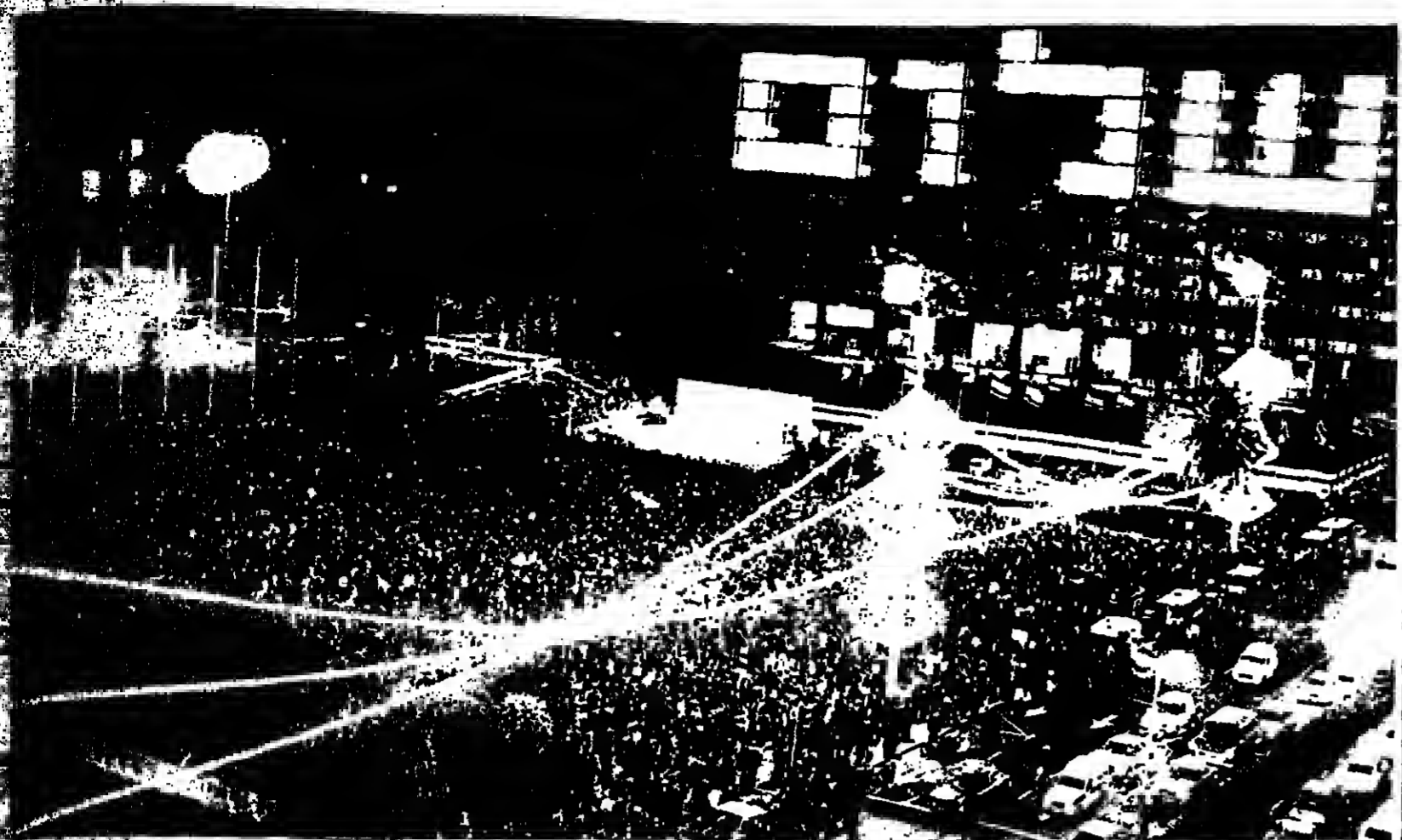
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THE CHILD with learning disabilities is a handicapped child, and as such needs special care, extra patience and forbearance in every aspect of his growing up. These are the children who have, in the past, been labelled as minimally brain-damaged; although physical damage to the brain may never have been medically proven, defects in sensory perception were very much in evidence. Since the child's handicap manifested itself in the area of learning, the chief emphasis had been placed (and rightly so) on providing special help in reading, writing and maths. What is seldom emphasized is that this child may also be a management problem at home, since the same peculiarities that affect proper learning also affect out-of-school behavior. Children with learning disabilities come in all the shapes and sizes. They range from the robust to the frail, from pretty to plain and from the very bright to the retarded. If the child is healthy and bright, it is sometimes difficult for a parent to accept the fact that peculiar behavior is not just a matter of wilful disobedience. Long after a parent has come to terms with his child needing all kinds of special help to make it in school, he may still be short-tempered and impatient with the child at home. Not because of lack of concern, but simply because it is difficult to associate psychological and educational symptoms and terminology with the daily routine at home. GIVEN THAT FAULTY visual and auditory perception, hyperactivity, impulsiveness and perseveration are serious drawbacks in the classroom, what do they have to do with irritating and disobedient behavior at home? Every child is different. Just as a special education teacher working with such a child needs to learn many techniques to teach the same old multiplication facts, so parents of this child must resort to training methods that weren't needed for his siblings. It is no good screaming at him because he spills his milk at every meal. It will do neither of you any good. A normal child will remember the scolding and try to be more careful. With a child who is discussing will remember the scolding (and probably with a great deal more shame and anguish than the normal child), but he'll go right on spilling. Either he does not know what he is doing wrong or is incapable of changing. The same faulty spatial perception and shape discrimination that causes so much difficulty when it comes to reading could also be what makes this child seem clumsy and accident-prone around the house. The same perseveration — that tendency to persist and persevere in saying that 6 times 7 is 46, long after he knows this is incorrect — makes it difficult for him to change the way he holds his fork, although he is long past the age when he should know better. The impulsiveness — that tendency to do the first thing that pops into his mind without any restraint or consideration of the results — that causes him to fall out of a high chair material he knows well, also makes him socially unacceptable to his peers, and a nightmare when you are entertaining guests because you never know what inappropriate so he continued with a third spade, which was ruffed in dummy. Then, in order, Mrs. Goslar played the club queen, club king, club ace, finessed the heart queen, cashed the heart ace, ruffed a heart, and played a trump. This was the position:

A day for memories

LISTENING IN.../Ze'ev Schur our patience by Rivka Michaeli later in the afternoon. I only heard her version of "Avrelele Melamed" yesterday — for the umpteenth time. My criterion for judging our radio artists is how often you can listen to any one good recording without throwing up. Rivkele is balm to my ears, any hour of the day or night. Even that sketch about hustling up hubby Yoel Bana'i's ear, which I must have heard a hundred times if I've heard it once. In between there was Lystrata's oath rendered by a Camerl Theatre artist. (Sorry — I didn't get her name.) But the rendition was first class.) Now come to think of it — why didn't our girls ever think of that one? THE RADIO SOUNDS of 31 years ago were very different. They were, as a matter of fact, our only link with the rest of the world — besieged, as

having subsisted for three months on a fortnight's rations (no convoys had been able to come to our relief). Fortunately it had been a good year for rain. The fields were full of all kinds of edible weeds and we used to make regular nightly foraging raids. "The roots of this are, if memory serves me right, particularly succulent. When we left, we dropped our faithful radio into the latrine. There was no point burdening ourselves with it and ingratiate that we were, we rated it expendable. BACK TO the songs. Did you know that that all-time favourite, "Hevenu Shalom Aleikhem," was in its beginnings — nothing but a pun? That's what we gathered this self-same Monday, the 28th, in an interview by the one and only (yes, you guessed it) Michael. Once again the name of the interviewer eluded me, but the chap seemed authoritative. The essence of it was that "Shalom Aleikhem" the treasured granddaddy of all peace songs, wasn't intended as such at all and started out as a Russian melody. The text revolved around Salam Aleikum elgarret — then a popular Rumanian brand. The composer, someone other than the late Abba Khoushy. Ditto "Hava Nagila" — a spontaneous exclamation based on an old Hassidic song and given a new text on the spur of the moment to celebrate the hasty departure of the Turks from the Tel Aviv area some 60-something years ago. OUR SECRET weapon of success in the Washington talks: the "Shabbat phone," a new device which enables people to use the telephone without desecrating the sanctity of the day. No details were given in the religious notes following Monday's 4 o'clock news; but as we understand it, it involves a two-way loudspeaker (also useable as a microphone) which switches itself on automatically.

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Post peace tally: Shares down, bonds up

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

Only a 3 point loss. Shikon (R) was the only one in the group to show a gain as it rose by 20 to 355.

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Closing prices - March 27

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Table with columns: Share, Volume, Change. Lists active shares like Mizrahi, etc.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates - March 27

Table with columns: Rate, Buy/Sell. Lists exchange rates for various currencies.

Gold sharply down as dollar rises

LONDON (AP). — The dollar edged upwards against most major European currencies yesterday, while the gold price dropped sharply.

Levy against government's rental housing scheme

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter. Construction and Housing Minister David Levy yesterday gave the Knesset a number of reasons why he is opposed to government-supported rental housing.

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By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — The declining value of the Israeli pound during the past few weeks, by seven to eight per cent, has helped exporters.

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### French humbug

FOR THE PAST 12 years, ever since the Six Day War, efforts to bring about a peace between Israel and the Arab states through face-to-face talks have been systematically resisted by just one leading member of the Western camp. This regular spoiler has been France.

During the prolonged UN debate in the summer of 1967 it was France that most forcibly argued against any expectation of genuine peace, any time soon, in the Middle East. When this thesis went down to defeat, and the Security Council decided that a "just and lasting peace" in the area was imperative, French diplomacy turned to a search for a four-power consensus to impose a settlement on Israelis and Arabs.

Now, faced with the fact of a peace treaty successfully negotiated between Israel and the biggest and strongest Arab country, Egypt, France is going out of its way to disparage this singular, historic achievement.

Thus it is French opposition, quietly but effectively articulated, which is mainly responsible for the failure of the European Community to come out unambiguously in support of the Israel-Egyptian accord.

France is not saying that the treaty signed in Washington on Monday is merely a first step that must, for its ultimate success, be followed by further steps leading to a settlement with all the still embattled Arab states, and to a solution of the Palestinian problem.

This is Britain's official position, and it is, in essence, acceptable not only to Egypt but to Israel as well.

As viewed from the Elysee Palace, the treaty represents a step in a wholly wrong direction. It is, according to high French officials cited in one report, "a misguided effort, motivated primarily by the Carter administration's need for foreign policy success rather than by an accurate analysis of Middle East politics."

A correct analysis of Middle East politics, French style, is apparently one that is based upon the premise, and that leads back straight to the conclusion, that nothing can be done to advance peace in the region that does not meet the demands of the most doggedly bellicose among the Arab states.

It so happens, of course, that it is precisely these states, notably Iraq and Libya, which provide France with the larger part of its requirement in oil, in exchange for sophisticated French arms.

Friendly French officials, trying to explain their government's wayward policy to bewildered Israelis, openly acknowledge this melancholy fact as the underlying motive. They, at least, do not seek to conceal France's own desperate sense of weakness by exposing spurious faults in the Americans.

Not so, however, President Giscard. Although he has broken with the Gaullist practice of spitting the U.S., and has in fact sought closer ties with it, M. Giscard has also been showing excessive fondness for blaming western reverses around the world, on Washington's "abdication of power."

At the same time, somewhat inconsistently, he has been working, sometimes in concert with the Soviet leadership, to undermine American efforts to build up centres of stability and to protect western interests. The most obvious recent example of this is France's attitude towards the Israel-Egyptian accord — an attitude that can only be accounted for by the short-term, parochial interests of a hopeless pretender to big-power status.

M. Giscard has also made some tentative moves towards an improvement in France's relations with Israel. But his adamant refusal to back up the peace accord is a throwback to the dark days of outright Gaullist hostility. For once, it puts France on a collision course with the leading Arab country as well.

### POSTSCRIPTS

IN A REVERSAL of traditional U.S. civil rights cases, the Jewish Home for the Aged in the Los Angeles suburb of Reedley has been accused of discrimination — against gentiles.

The non-profit nursing home is the only one of its kind in the Los Angeles area with a kosher kitchen. About 150 of its 449 patients are observant Orthodox Jews.

"In our home, Yiddish is the main language," says Sheldon Blumenthal, executive director of the home. "To my knowledge, we have never had a gentile applicant, so how can it be said we discriminate?"

The crux of the case goes back to 1964, when the home received \$320,000 in construction funds from the federal government. Under the terms of the agreement, the home obligated itself to provide some free care to indigent patients, without discrimination as to race or religion, according to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

An investigation is now being conducted by government experts — hopefully with a smattering of Yiddish. T.T.

"SPEAKING of large feet," one reader writes, since that's what we've been speaking of, "it's all very well to talk about the trouble they cause men, but what about girls and women? How many mothers have taken their 12-year-old daughters hopping for shoes etc etc? I remember those days, and the years that followed, with a sore heart." "But generally, they're a large size 40 — they'll stretch as she wears them," the shop assistant would assure me. However, I was not about to cram a growing child's feet into shoes that were clearly one size too small. So we had to settle for boys' shoes. ("Oh Mummy — they're not pretty!")

In the summer she had no problems, since sandals are uni-sex. But as she grew taller and her feet

longer, the problem became more acute. We were sent to any number of shoe-makers reputed to be able to make "any size," but although we paid double the price of ready-made shoes, the handmade pair always turned out to be just half a size too small. It seemed that no shoemaker owned a last for women's shoes in the size we needed.

"Today my daughter is a grown woman, and wears shoe size 44. For work during the cold season she buys men's moccasin-type shoes and in the summer there is, of course, a wide selection of sandals to choose from. But when she needs a dressy shoe or sandal she must turn to sources abroad.

"I am sure that there are other girls and women in this country with a similar problem. Is there no enterprising businessman somewhere interested in doing something about it?" F.D.

COMPOSER-CONDUCTOR Leonard Bernstein angered many Jews about 10 years back when — in a gesture of "radical chic" — he and his wife hosted some anti-Israel Black Panthers to a cocktail party to talk about American race relations.

Since then, of course, he has gone out of his way to help Israel. Postponing a visit to China recently, Bernstein accepted an invitation from President Jimmy Carter to accompany him on his state visit to Mexico, and conducted the Mexico City Philharmonic while Carter and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo looked on. After the concert, at a dinner at the U.S. Embassy, Lopez Portillo and Bernstein had a serious talk that included Israel's security needs. J.E.

SHABBES! SHABBES! A chap named Robert Hayward, who lives at 66 Flanagan Street, Riverdale, Cardiff, Wales, has written to inform us that he is offering a reward of £2,000 "to anyone who can prove, from the Bible, that Christians are obliged to keep Sunday (the first day of the week) as the Sabbath."

He also enclosed a handbill advertising this reward which he says he has been circulating throughout Wales. So far no comers.

Mr. Hayward, a Christian, says that according to his reading of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, the Sabbath appears to fall on Saturday.

THE PEACE TREATY signed between Egypt and Israel on Monday, after such long and arduous negotiations, is an important milestone in the relations between the two countries.

Its importance derives essentially from the fact that Egypt and Israel have managed to reach an agreement. Yet it must be borne in mind that this is by no means the first agreement concluded between the two: the armistice agreement of 1949, the disengagement-of-forces agreement of 1974, and the interim agreement of 1978 (not to mention a number of cease-fire agreements) preceded the present treaty.

It is too early to say whether the peace treaty is the most significant among these instruments. True, it is the only one entitled with the very pregnant term "peace." But peace is not necessarily guaranteed by a peace treaty. Indeed, most wars began between states that already have a peace treaty.

The trouble with the present treaty is that, whereas it puts an end to the state of war between Egypt and Israel, it fails to resolve a number of outstanding issues which both parties regard as crucial to the pursuit of peace.

Paradoxically more than a year was consumed by debates over capital legal nuances and spurious verbal formulas. An outstanding example of this was the artificial problem of Article 6, paragraph 5, purporting to establish the prevalence of the treaty over previous conflicting agreements with other countries.

This provision was bereft of juridical value in the first place (inasmuch as no such prevalence

## Another interim agreement

The meaning of autonomy, Jewish settlement in the West Bank and other matters not conclusively dealt with in the treaty signed in Washington make it merely one more interim agreement between Egypt and Israel, argues YORAM DINSTEIN.

can possibly be established under the law of treaties), yet it was pronounced by Prime Minister Begin to be "the heart and soul of the treaty." Ultimately, a compromise was reached whereby an accompanying letter was appended to the treaty (in this way extinguishing the "soul" that still mysteriously abides in the treaty).

IT IS INTERESTING to consider what might have happened had the Israeli negotiators spent as much time and energy on serious issues as they did on matters of marginal consequence. But, curiously enough, while continuously warning the public that time was not operating in Israel's favour, they deemed it fit to leave numerous contentious issues to take care of themselves in time.

Foremost among these is the all-important question of Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, to which Israel is committed under the Camp David Framework Agreement of September 1978.

Autonomy is a political coin cir-

culated by the Israel Government subsequent to President Sadat's memorable visit to Jerusalem in November 1977. But this coin happens to have different rates of exchange in Cairo and in Jerusalem. Egypt regards autonomy as a first step to a Palestinian state, whereas Israel views it as a means to forestall the creation of such a state. Negotiations over this momentous question will begin in a short while, and they are likely to prove that, peace treaty or no peace treaty, Egypt and Israel are still worlds apart.

A related problem entirely overlooked by the peace treaty is that of Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Such settlements are taken for granted by the Israeli cabinet, but are anathema to Egypt. Should new settlements be established there, the two parties will almost inevitably find themselves on a collision course.

Relations between Egypt and Israel are liable to be clouded over other thorny issues as well. The

peace treaty calls for further negotiations over such mundane but significant matters as trade, aviation and cultural relations. It enables the parties to submit to a joint commission — which has still to be formed — claims potentially running to billions of dollars, which neither party can afford to pay. And no technique has been devised to take care of disputes relating to the application of the treaty.

The treaty's principal feature is that it sweeps problems under the rug. The whole legal set-up is founded on the irrefutable presumption that nothing can go wrong. Yet so many points of divergence between Israel and Egypt are loaded with political dynamite that it will be a miracle if none of them explodes.

Only future negotiations can defuse these issues and guarantee that the parties reach a final agreement which will enable them to live in veritable peace with one another. Until such a final agreement is concluded, the present treaty must be looked upon as merely another interim agreement.

ONE OF THE MOST automatic aspects of political life in Israel at this juncture is that only the hawk hawks who are opposed to any promise with the Arab comms have insisted (principally for tactical reasons) on postponing the conclusion of a peace treaty until the too-obvious differences of opinion between Egypt and Israel in regard to the nature of Palestinian autonomy have been ironed out.

The doves, on the other hand, objected to any attempt to delay signing of the treaty, regardless of discrepancies.

On both sides this is a case of collective myopia based on a faith in a piece of paper impregnated with the word "peace." Unless until the parties agree on the nature of peace, no peace treaty is valid. And the terms of peace are logically have been negotiated before the conclusion of the peace treaty.

"Sign now, negotiate later" is incongruous and counter-productive. As it is, every day of confrontation and crisis threatens the foundations of peace and conflict in people's minds. Genuine peace cannot be produced by half-measures or by avoid problems. Israel must make up its mind about the price it is willing to pay for peace and spell out exact treaty terms. The specific undertakings to which it is committed, until that is done, it is too early to celebrate peace.

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## A SURFEIT OF SPECTACULARS

MARK SEGAL wonders why there has been such a feeling of anti-climax about the signing of the peace treaty.

SO THE INCONCEIVABLE has happened. Even the most fervent critics of Menachem Begin will not be able to deny him this moment in history. No one should grudge him his triumph, though it came at the price of abandoning all his previous guide-lines and leaving his disciples out in limbo. What was an impossibility less than two years ago has now become reality. No one can take that away from him.

Yet for many of us, what should have been a zenith in our lives has been marred by an overdose of treachery theatricality. We have all been made to feel that we are extras in the Jimmy Carter Show, and that our very future has been slotted into the contest for ratings between the three American networks.

The marquee put up in the White House grounds for the ceremony reminded me more of a circus than of a large, jolly, interfaith wedding. I almost expected to see sideshows like "The Wall of Death." The place overflowed with political acrobats, and I only hope the various documents provide adequate safety nets.

Why is there such a feeling of anti-climax? Is it because we felt we were being bored into peace as we ducked the painful rain of clichés pouring out of our TV and radio sets? Is it because too many moments of truth add up to one long hour of yawning somnolence? It may well be that a surfeit of Begin spectacles has just become too much of a muchness, like living on a diet of chocolate eclairs.

As the Knesset debate indicated, the great hope for peace is accompanied by a profound sense of disquiet. A chronicler of the times will no doubt record the lack of buoyancy in the public mood. The euphoria and elation which greeted the Sadat visit have ebbed (come easy it was frittered away) into the current stream of resignation and scepticism. Is it perhaps because of the fat bill we are being asked to pay on the morning after the grand party? Or maybe it is due to a widespread feeling that we are watching a replay of that old movie, "The Spirit of '67."

The majority mood seems to be: We've tried so many wars, why not peace for a change? If it results in another war, well, we've been through that before, and at least we'll know that we did our best, and our soldier sons will have no doubts that we did.

Perhaps the most apt symbol might be Nachshon, the biblical man of courage, who led the way into the Red Sea for the Children of Israel. In a way we are all extending our collective toe, albeit gingerly, into the beckoning waters before making the leap.

GIVEN THE DISMAL domestic record of this government, it might be too much to expect any of our senior ministers to go on the air in order to allay the people's anxieties, even about such a possible side-effect of the opening of our borders

as the flooding of the market with cheap labour.

Then again, would it be too much to expect one of our leaders to go and speak things over with the Sinai settlers, the designated casualties of the peace treaty? After all, they were not to know that after being sent by one government to redeem the wilderness and create a buffer zone between Sinai and Gaza, another government would uproot them. They are fellow citizens and deserve the courtesy of a proper explanation from our rulers.

It is certainly not good enough, as Acting Premier Hammer would have it, to project a cloud of Pickwickian hopes that Egypt may be persuaded to let them stay when the three-year commitment comes up for redemption. There are too many personal tragedies involved in this mass exodus.

Will posterity's verdict focus on the role of Moshe Dayan, son of Degania and Nahalal, in converting Israeli farmers into a new kind of Jewish refugee? Or will it judge Dayan as Begin's fall guy? But then, did not Jabotinsky set the historical pattern by urging the evacuation of the Tel Hai defenders, dismissing arguments that the borders of Upper Galilee would be jeopardized thereby?

IT WOULD BE an encouragement to think that with the peace treaty behind us, the government will start, at long last, to devote its energies to domestic issues. There seems to have been a loss of contact with the problems besetting ordinary citizens, like the inexorable rise of the cost of living, the critical shortage of housing, and an indifferent official approach to the war on crime. Someone in the Knesset has yet to admit that the ideological impulse of lowering food subsidies may have been a mistake and that the Likud may yet pay heavily for the resultant widening of the social gap.

For the average man and woman, peace is a rather abstract idea, however interesting it may be for politicians, generals and journalists. What is tangible and known to them is the trebling of the price of eggs and other commodities, the soaring cost of everything else, and their inability to buy a home for their children. On top of which, Finance Minister Ehrlich has once again demonstrated his egregious lack of understanding of the public mood by already talking of taxing the nation for peace.

There is nothing more bitter than disappointed love, and the public opinion polls already reflect the feelings of disenchanting Likud voters (not to mention the defunct DMC). Admittedly, the latest polls were taken before the Carter visit and the ensuing peace treaty hullabaloo; but given the unstoppable deterioration on the economic front, I venture to predict that in a matter of weeks, discontent over the economic management of the country will dominate the minds of a people as yet unable to discern the fruits of peace.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### EMERGENCY ROOM ADMITTANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I want to bring to the attention of your readers the story of the recent tragic death of my wife who, in her agonizing last hours, was denied admittance and medical assistance at Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

My wife was brought three times to hospital on a stretcher in a Magen David Adom ambulance, unable to move and in excruciating pain. Each time, she was refused the most elementary aid, as she was considered clinically healthy! For five days, I had to try to alleviate her torment by myself, as I found no doctor willing to treat a chronic lymphatic leukemia patient who was under the care of the Haematology Department of Rambam Hospital. No one can imagine my wife's physical and mental torment as well as mine, with no help in sight until, in the end, my wife died in shock, two hours after finally being hospitalized.

What are the criteria under which a patient should be hospitalized? Should only those with heart attacks be admitted? Or those with a temperature above 37 degrees? Should a patient brought on a stretcher, unable to move, evidently in great pain and with a long case of chronic lymphatic leukemia, be denied admittance? Shouldn't the doctors give the sick a reprieve of, let us say, 24 hours, to be thoroughly examined and the cause of the pain found and dealt with? Shouldn't human compassion and regard for human life and suffering — and the doctor's own conscience — be

carefully considered when deciding to hospitalize or not?

I complained to the Director General of the Ministry of Health, Professor Shani, who replied with a compassionate letter. He wrote to me that, although an investigating committee had concluded that my wife's fate would not have been different had she been admitted to hospital earlier, he had nonetheless reprimanded the doctor involved and issued new instructions to all hospital emergency rooms on how to deal with similar cases in the future in order to prevent such tragic occurrences.

Perhaps my wife's tragedy will help to save lives and prevent unnecessary suffering in the future.

N. LUCHANU

Haifa.

#### CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On March 18, you reported that a Beduin truck driver was accused of accidentally running over a baby and killing it and was then freed on bail.

It is not the innocent driver who should be brought to court, but the mother of the dead baby on charges of criminal negligence. She put her child under the truck of the Beduin to protect it from the rain while the Beduin, together with other people, helped to right her overturned car. How could the driver know this? DE. ESTHER SCHLOSSBERG Tel Aviv.

#### POOR MAIL SERVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am one of the many foreign students presently living and studying here in Israel. We are far away from our homes and loved ones and letters from our family and friends are most welcome and often vitally important. However, there are too many occasions when we receive no more than their anticipated letters. I receive them at all. Often it is months later that we find out our letters sent to us here that we received.

Excuses such as "the letters delayed," or "lost in the comb origin" cannot easily hold water of the time when you have etc here from all over the world, complaining about these same things. LIBA M. RE Jerusalem.

#### PETER PAUL RUBENS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your Magazine of 16, you reported on the TV show Peter Paul Rubens must have been the 400th anniversary of his birth.

Rubens was not born in Antwerp as you stated, but in Westphalia, in 1577. He was of Flemish origin and his parents fled to Germany for religious reasons. Rubens himself eventually returned to Antwerp. EMANUEL BRUNSE Tel Aviv.

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